

# Core Skills Workout: Exploring Text Features

"The Wild Life of Christian the Lion" - October/November 2017

**Directions:** Answer the questions below to help you explore the photos, captions, map, and other text features in the nonfiction article "The Wild Life of Christian the Lion" and the poem "Wild Home."

1. Look at page 15. How does the title of the article contrast with the photo of a lion cub sitting on a bathroom rug? What do the title and photo make you wonder about?

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2. What do the photos on pages 16-17 tell you about Christian's life with Ace and John?

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3. Read the caption at the top of page 17. What information do you learn that isn't included in the main story?

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4. What might be an alternate title for the section "Going Wild" on page 18?

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5. Look at the photo at the top of page 19. How does it help you understand why Christian couldn't have stayed with Ace and John in London? What does it show you about the relationship between the lion and the men?

6. Study the photograph behind the poem "Wild Home," on page 19. Why do you think this picture was used?

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**Storyworks S-T-R-E-T-C-H** Imagine you are making a movie about Christian's life, much like *Born Free*, the wildlife movie described in the article, about Elsa the lion. Write a title for the movie.

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